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POINTS FOR POULTRY PACKERS

No. 4

HOW TO WRAP HEADS



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IT'S THE FINISH on the pack of poultry that brings that last extra cent per pound that means to the shipper

PROFIT.

Compare the appearance on the market of poultry well picked, well chilled, well graded, and packed with feet clean and

HEADS WRAPPED

with less carefully prepared chickens.

Wouldn't you pay more for poultry with heads neat and clean than for birds dripping blood on you and on the other birds in the package?

Read this folder and learn how to put a touch of real elegance on your pack. Print your name and brand on the wrapper if you wish.

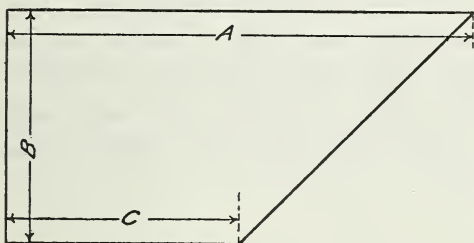
One boy or girl, when trained, can wrap the heads of 500 birds in a day.

THE PAPER

Get 40-pound parchment, or an opaque, tough, calendered paper.

Have it cut in these sizes:

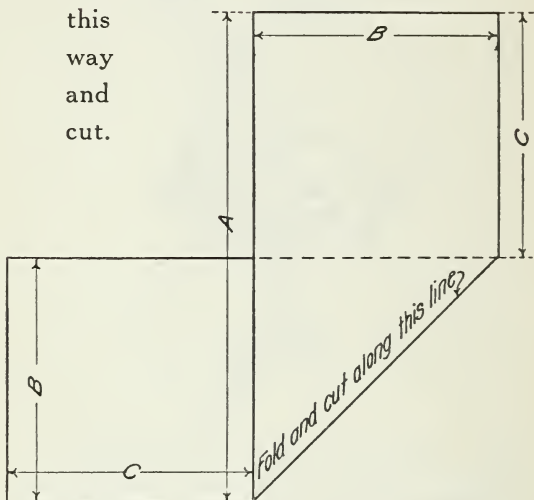
Bird.	Dimensions.		
	A	B	C
	<i>Inches.</i>	<i>Inches.</i>	<i>Inches.</i>
Broilers, fowl, small roasters	12	6	6
Large roasters, cocks-----	15	7½	7½
Turkeys-----	18	9	9



Outline of Wrapper.

HOW TO WRAP

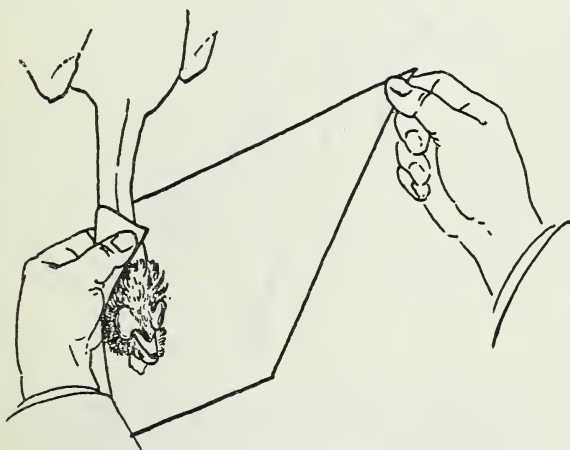
Fold the sheets
this
way
and
cut.



Dimensions of sheet of paper from which 2 wrappers may be cut without waste. Length, $A + C$; width, B .

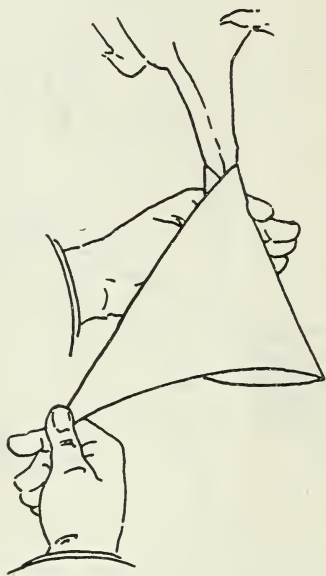
GETTING STARTED

Hang the bird by the feet in a shackle or rope loop. Hold the head firmly, bill to the front. Slant the paper as shown, being sure that the longer edge is uppermost.

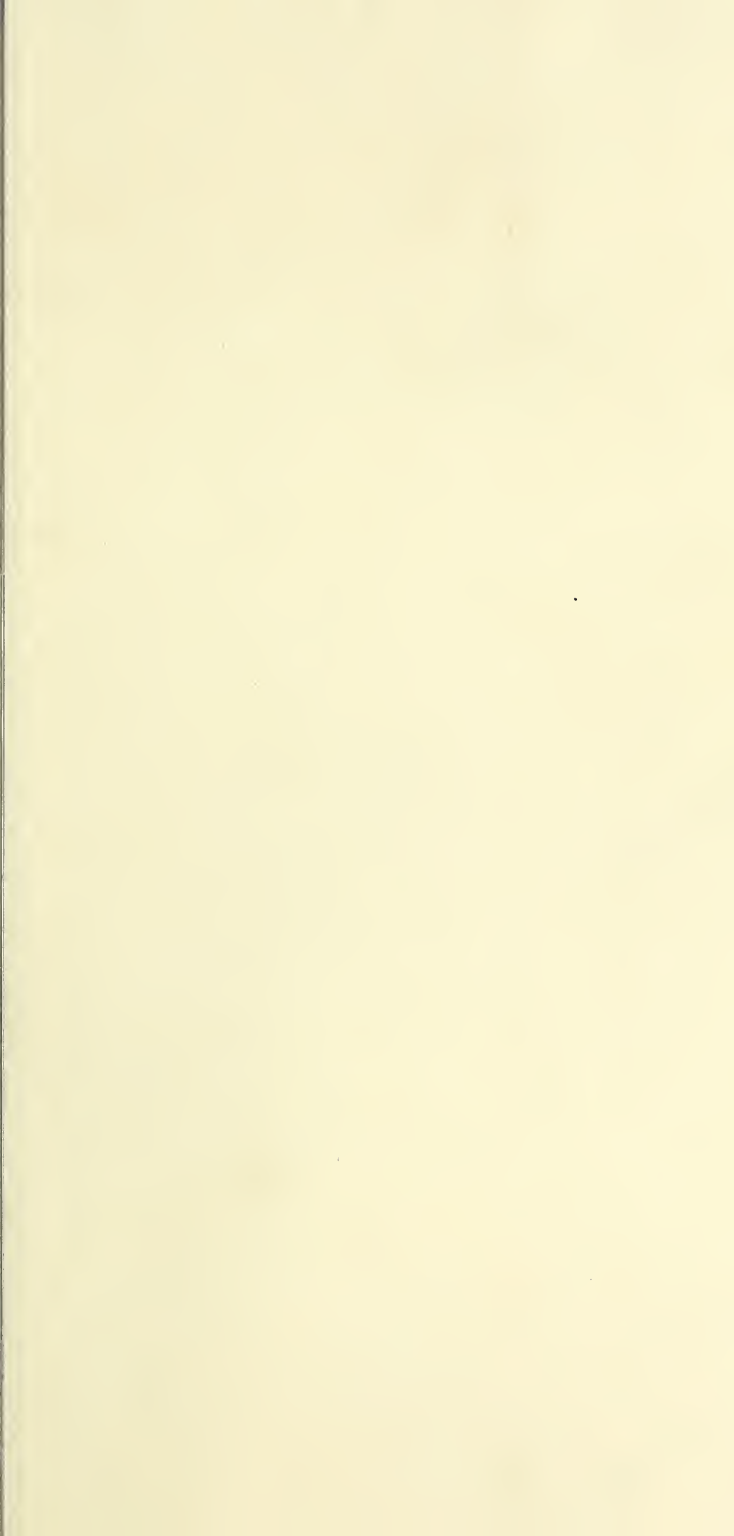


There must be plenty of thumb hold on the pointed end over the neck.

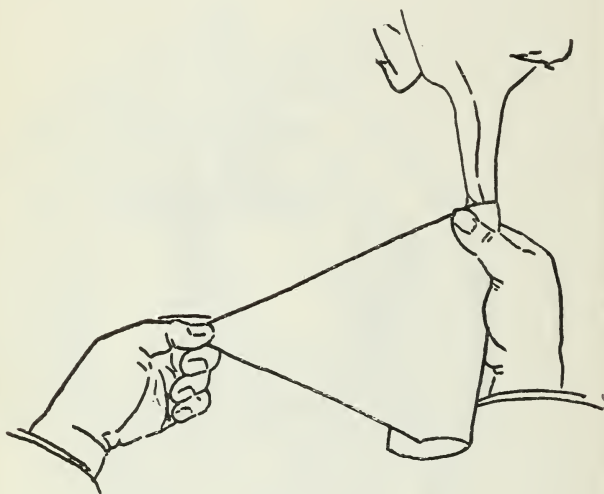
PULL TIGHT!



Pull the upper long edge downward and to the left. Be sure the edge of the paper at the neck is tight. Notice how it dents the flesh a little.

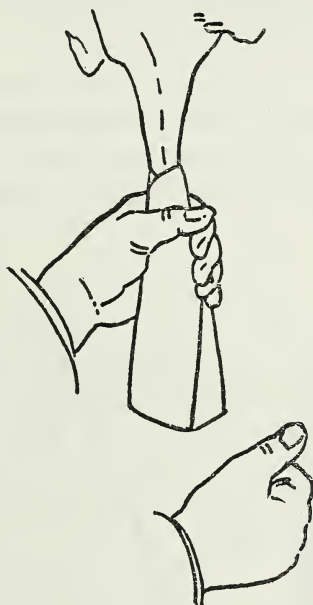


CHANGE HANDS



The tight pull at the top will let you quickly shift the left hand to catch the point of the long edge. Then grasp the neck with the right hand, as shown in the picture, and with the left hand swing the paper around to the right.

GET THE BELL SHAPE



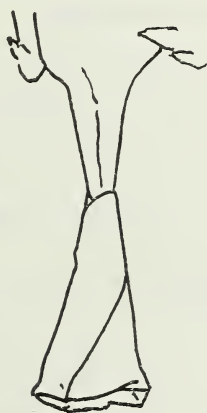
As the left hand swings the paper around, the right loosens its hold and the left hand catches neck and paper firmly. This makes a "bell," with even, overlapping edges at the bottom, and the edge "A" almost a vertical line from the grasping fingers downward.

CLOSE THE BELL



Holding with the left hand, turn the head so that you can see inside the "bell." With the thumb and just a little assistance from the fingers, push the edge of the "bell" up and in.

NEAT AND CLEAN



This is the finished "head wrap." It is astonishing how well it holds, provided you obey these instructions. Holding the bird by the legs you can "snap" it hard, but the head wrap will not come off.

